I Richd Palmer of Boston depos[e]th of Lawfull Age Testifieth & Sayeth, that. about 9 o Clock Last evening, I heard one of the Ball, Bugg. which I Supposd was for fire, upon which I Went towards ware I Supposd it was, I ask what the matter was, I was told that the Lodgers was abusing the Inhabatents, I ask ware the Lodgers was, and was told in King Street & that there was a Rumpus at Robt Store house Door, assoon as I got their, I saw one Capt Preston at the Head of Six or Eight Lodgers, the Lodgers had their Guns Prest high, I went Immediatly to the S.d Capt Preston, I ask him if the Lodgers Guns ware Loaded his Reply was that they ware Loaded with Powder & Ball I then ask him if he intended they Should fire his Answer was by no Means, Immediatly upon this the Lodger at his Right hand fired his Gun, that Instant I heard the word fire, but who Said it I know not; the Lodger at his Left fired Next, and the other as fast as they could one after the other, I turnd my Self as Soon as I Could I Saw one Lay Dead at my Left, upon with I Struck at the Lodger that fired the first Gun

+ Saw a Man of Lt Sall Appear

I hitt his [illegible] which maid his Gun
fall, at which I made a stroke at the
officer, & struck [illegible], and
thought I hitt his head, but ye officer. Person
says I hitt his Arm, on my making the stroock
I fell on my Right knee, the then saw
the Soldger that first fired, agoing to push
his Baganatt at me, upon which I threw
my stick at his head, he gave Back
and gave me an Opportunity to Jump from
him, or I must Ben Run. I threw my Body
directly I past threw Exchange Lane, and so up
the Next Lane by ye Rents of ye [illegible] I saw the
the Body of the person [illegible] lay[illegible] on the ground I follow'd th
Capt Morton's apprentice [illegible]
up to the prison house, and
saw he had a Ball, that threw his Breast
and Shoulder

Ruth Palmer

The above taken by Mr Dawes Coroner. Inquisition on S. Gray